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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 25-28 are pending in the subject application. Applicants have not herein canceled, amended or added any claims.

Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. §121

In the February 10, 2011 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372 contending that the subject application contains the following group of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 25-28, drawn to a method for determining whether an agent facilitates the conversion of a cytoplasmic polyadenylation element binding (CPEB) protein from its non-prion form to its prion form.
- II. Claims 14-16, drawn to a method for determining whether an agent facilitates the conversion of a CPEB protein from its prion form to its non-prion form.

The Examiner asserted that the inventions are not so linked by the same or a corresponding special technical feature as to form a single general inventive concept.

Applicants' Response

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, i.e. claims 1-13 and 25-28, drawn to a method for determining whether an agent facilitates the conversion of a cytoplasmic polyadenylation element

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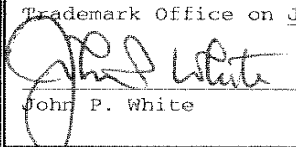
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$1,175.00 for a five-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. The undersigned herein authorizes the Patent Office to charge the amount of \$1,175.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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